

UKIP: 'We'll work with anyone to form coalition'

WITH UKIP gaining seats in Southend a cross party alliance may have to come into action to run the administration.

James Moyies, group leader for UKIP in Southend, said his party would work with 'anyone' to form a coalition.

"People are voting for us because we tell the truth," he said. "The other parties say what people want to hear, rather than what they actually go on to do. We will work with anyone in the best interests of the borough."

Mr Moyies said if his party take control of the council they will make it their priority to return the council to a committee based decision making authority.

"Cabinets are not democratic," he said. Another priority would be insisting that all grammar schools in Southend take the majority of their intake locally.

Martin Terry, leader of the Independent Party said the UKIP votes reflects people's concerns that the other large parties have not been listening to the electorate.

He said: "The larger parties dismissed UKIP and it has back fired on them."

"I don't think the people that voted for UKIP are racist, I think they have general concerns about people coming over our borders with no means."

"The housing list in Southend is already very long and it is about space if more and more people come in we just won't be able to deal with it."

"As a councillor I know we have to set budgets and set resources if more people come into the town we are not going to have the resources."

"It really is an economic argument and about space. I was really disappointed with the way the big parties handled themselves."

Mr Terry now believes that an alliance of parties will change the landscape of the council.

He said: "There will have to be an alliance because the Tories don't have enough seats to run the administration."

"They have said they will work with some of the Independents."

"I think it will be better for the town and that is the main aim making sure things are okay for the electorate."



CHEERS: Nigel Farage celebrates the party's success in Essex during a tour of the county on Friday

Picture by Martin Dalton

Ex Tory council leader Nigel Holdcroft said he believed an alliance would be set up within the next week. He said: "I think the UKIP votes were quite predictable when you look at the national swing of things."

"I think the votes have been made because people are concerned about immi-

gration and Europe.

"I basically think that the UKIP success is down to people wanting to show a vote against Westminster and go against the main political parties."

"The Tories don't have the majority any more so it will be interesting in the next few weeks to see what happens

Divers to excavate 17th century ship

AN emergency excavation of a 17th century ship off the coast of Southend is taking place before artefacts are lost forever.

The London sank in the Thames Estuary in 1665 after mysteriously blowing up en route from Chatham, to The Hope, near Gravesend, in Kent.

The ship was one of only three completed wooden Second Rate large ships that were built between 1642 and 1660 and is the only one that survived.

Although it is now lying in two parts off of Southend it played a significant role in British history.

It formed part of an English squadron sent in 1658 to collect Charles II and restore him to his throne in an effort to end the anarchy which followed the death of Oliver Cromwell.

English Heritage's maritime archaeologist Mark Dunkley said he was hoping to recover some rare and well preserved items that would provide a great insight into the English Navy during an unsettled time when Britain was emerging as a global power.

He said: "While the hull of the ship will remain on the seabed for the foreseeable future, the recovery and display of vulnerable artefacts will aid our understanding of life on board ship in late 17th century and enable us to remove the wreck from our Heritage at Risk Register."

Over the next two years, English Heritage has commissioned Cotswold Archaeology to carry out an underwater excavation to find out how many artefacts have survived.

Divers will dig three trenches in the bow of the wreck, designed to explore items in the hold, orlop deck where the anchor cables are, gun deck and store rooms.

Based on test dives of the site items to be found could include shoes, buckets, pots, cooking utensils, ship fixtures and fittings and cannon balls.

Steven Ellis, an experienced Thames Estuary diver who has been granted the Government licence to dive the wreck, working with Cotswold Archaeology, explained that diving conditions are difficult with limited visibility.

He said: "We are looking forward to bringing up some exciting finds."

Finds recovered from the site will be curated by Southend Museums Service and it will develop a community project to record the finds as well as a permanent display at the museum.

A publication will also be produced about the wreck.

Clare Hunt, curatorial manager at Southend Museum explained the wreck lies just off of Southend Pier.

She said: "The wreck remains largely unknown."

"It is part of our local as well as our national history and we're inviting local people to get involved on recording the ships finds."

The facts:

■ The ship was rediscovered in 2005 during works in advance of the London Gateway Port development in Tilbury.

■ In October 2008 the ship was designated under the Protection of Wrecks Act (1973) and immediately placed on English Heritage's Heritage at Risk register as its remains were being exposed by shifting sediment levels on the seabed.

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New uniforms for nurses

NURSES have been given new uniforms at Fair Havens Hospice thanks to a donation from the daughter of a patient they cared for.

Guilda Brett, from Southend, who herself was a nurse at Fair Havens in 1987 donated cash from her father's funeral and a coffee morning she held.

Guilda retired in 2012 from the Hospice as her mother was in poor health.

The 66 year old's mother died on Christmas Eve that year and shortly after the funeral her father, Ron Riley, fell ill.

In April 2013, he was diagnosed with suspected cancer of the oesophagus and Guilda called the Fair Havens Macmillan nurses.

Guilda said: "I knew I needed their help. I spoke to them on the phone and they quickly came to



UNIFORM: Kate Delves, hospice at home coordinator, Guilda Brett, Christine Brown, Hospice at home registered nurse and Gillian Donovan, Hospice at home community carer hoping more nurses will join the hospice.

assess him.

"It took a while to get all of the equipment Dad needed, a hospital bed, hoist, commode, hand and support rails - there was so much.

"We got him some special cush-

ions for his armchair too, he loved that chair. Until the day he died, he got up and sat there.

"Nurses from Fair Havens hospice at home came every day to visit Ron to do his personal care,

provide respite during the day and night as they needed it and to manage his increasing pain.

"They were brilliant and they would have come more if we'd needed them to.

"They cared for all of us equally, they delivered the whole package.

"They completely wrapped us up in their love and support."

Lorraine Tullett, service manager for Fair Havens Hospice at Home is hoping that the new uniforms and unique challenge of caring for patients at the end of their life, in their own home, will appeal to qualified nurses and carers looking to join a new team.

Carers and nurses interested in the current vacancies with Fair Havens Hospice at Home can find out more at www.havenshospices.org.uk or by calling the HR team on 01702 556645.

Keep your eye on the ball

"Essex Action" as heard on Southend Radio, produced in conjunction with the Volunteer Centre Southend (SAVS)

A local family centre in Westcliff is looking for people who love to be busy.

The centre runs clubs for both youngsters and vulnerable adults and they need volunteers to help with tasks such as homework, arts and crafts and sporting activities.

Enthusiasm and bucket loads of energy are the only qualifications required as the youngsters are sometimes a bit boisterous after a day cooped up in class!

So if you would like to help out in your local community or perhaps gain some experience in this area of work, then please call Emily on 01702 356000.

Beaches scoop top seaside award

SOUTHEND'S beaches have been awarded a prestigious Keep Britain Tidy 'seaside award'.

It recognises beaches in England that achieve the highest standards of beach management and bathing waters reaching the mandatory water quality.

Lynn Jones, the council's resort service manager, said the authority was delighted to have picked up seven seaside awards that reflected the quality, management, cleanliness and safety of the beaches.

She said: "All of our bathing waters

reach mandatory level and some are moving towards the excellent category.

"Our hard work with partners like the Environment Agency and Anglian Water will help further improve the bathing water quality in the future.

"We are proud of our beaches and know how important they are to our tourism, so it is vital that they are safe, clean and with good bathing water quality."

Richard McIlwain, programme director, for the charity Keep Britain Tidy, which is responsible for the

award said the organisation knew good beaches were an important factor for visitors and day trippers to decide where to go.

He said: "The continuing quality of management at these beaches is a real testament to the dedication, hard work and investment that local authorities and other beach managers put in year after year.

"The sight of the Blue Flag or Seaside Award flying gives visitors the reassurance that they'll have great time."



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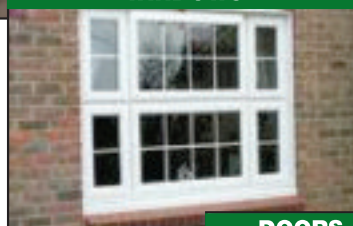
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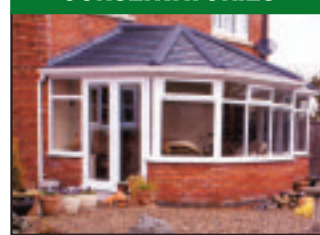
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ABSEIL: Consultant surgeons, Mike Dworkin and James Wright abseiling down the tower.

Daredevils go over the top for hospital

MORE than 70 people tackled the 154ft tower at Southend Hospital to raise money to donate to the hospital.

Doctors, nurses, and former patients made their way down the ten storey structure on Saturday in the hope of raising £10,000.

Lucy Thomas-Clayton, associate director of community engagement, kicked the event

off by being the first one to go over the top.

She said: This has to be our most exhilarating event to date.

"I would like to say a big thank you to all those brave participants who conquered their fears and raised vital funds for Southend Hospital Charity."

A handful of consultant sur-

geons in full scrubs also took part in the charity challenge to support the new keyhole cancer appeal.

James Wright, consultant colorectal surgeon said: "I definitely felt better after the abseil than before it that's for sure."

"I was relieved when my feet touched the ground, going over the top was nail biting stuff."

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Art students put on end

STUDENTS at the University of Essex in Southend have been celebrating their end of year show.

A total of 34 students in their first and second years have been displaying their work.

The conceptual exhibition called At.el.ier has a range of work from paintings to installations.

Becky Walker, from Westcliff, who is in her second year at the university said the exhibition had been a great collaboration between students. She said: "The exhibition has been really strong this year."

"All of the students have put a lot of work into it and it's just a great space."

"I think the second year has been the best year to work on the development side of my work."

"Next year in the final year there's everything to play for."

Kelly Storkey, 25, from Chelmsford, who is in her first year at the university said she had enjoyed using the studio space to exhibit her work.

She said: "We have used the space where we have been working all year."

"So it's nice and feels familiar we have made it into something of our own though."

"All of the students and teachers have really bonded over this exhibition."

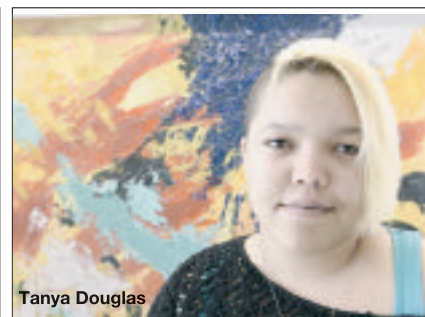
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Rowena Wright with her work Skins in Paper



Jill Adair

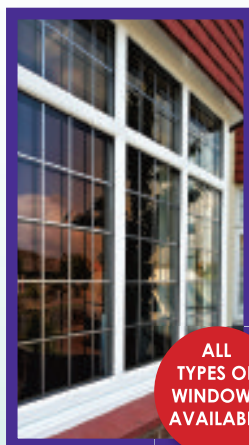


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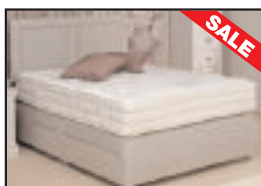
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OPEN: Dorothy Turner has opened her garden to raise money for animal charities

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A KEEN gardener is inviting people to come and take a tour of her garden to raise money for animal charities.

Dorothy Good, has been opening her garden to members of the public for more than 20 years to help raise funds for animal charities.

Her garden Little Foxes, at 9 Marcus Gardens, in Thorpe

Bay, will be open on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, for people to view.

Dorothy, who will also be offering tea and cakes on both days said the garden is in full bloom at the moment.

She said: "People can expect to see rhododendrons, various perennials and a variety of gorgeous poppies alongside alli-

ums.

"Visitors can also buy plants that I have grown from seed and have a cup of tea and piece of cake that my friend from the Womens Institute has kindly made." Entrance to the garden is £3 and it is open between 2pm and 5pm.

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Caterpillar invasion is spook-tacular

A WILDLIFE expert has reassured Laindon residents after trees on Mandeville Way were completely covered in an eerie white substance.

Dr Rod Cole, of the Basildon Natural History Society, revealed the phenomenon is the work of 'harmless' caterpillars, trying to shield themselves as they prepare to turn into moths.

The creatures have spun a thick, protective silk barrier to shield them as they pupate.

Dr Cole said that within a fortnight, the majority would have turned into moths and flown away.

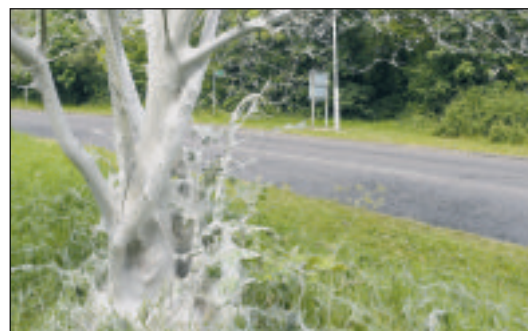
The spooky sight attracted attention from residents as the critters slowly covered the trees from top to bottom during the last month.

Drivers have been seen pulling over to inspect the strange spectacle, while other residents have visited with cameras to document the ghostly scene.

The silk has the appearance of thick cobwebs and dangles in strings from the trees' branches.

Dr Cole said the moths were known as bird-cherry ermine and were unlikely to spread because they feed almost exclusively on bird-cherry trees.

He revealed Basildon Council



The trees are ghostly white, compared to surrounding greenery
Picture by Martin Dalton

had consulted the nature society, fearing the trees could be damaged, but had been told that there was nothing to worry about in the immediate future.

Dr Cole explained: "These are not the dreaded brown tail caterpillars, which in the past have induced local authority workers to spray them because their hairs are irritating. This is the bird-cherry ermine. It is a harmless micro-moth, but it has been exciting a lot of attention."

"I wouldn't panic too much. They're harmless, except to the poor old trees, who have been totally dis-foliated. It would be

quite a burden on the tree if it happened year-on-year but as a one off, it's not too big an issue.

"The silk is protective. They are susceptible to tiny parasites. The silk, which is incredibly tough, gives them a degree of protection in the early stages. As they get older and the parasites are no longer a threat, they bask in it. It's a way of controlling their micro-climate."

"They will pupate within a fortnight and fly. They will pose no threat to people's carpets and jumpers and things because they're a totally different species."

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Picture by Martin Dalton

Joyce donates funds to Basildon Women's Aid

A DEDICATED fundraiser has donated £1,500 to Basildon Women's Aid.

Joyce Long, 85, of Park Road, Thundersley, has raised more than £1.5million for charity, mostly donated to Southend Hospital.

However, she decided to split the proceeds of her latest charity sale between the hospital and the Basildon charity, which helps women who have suffered domestic abuse.

She explained: "Someone I knew needed some help and they were greatly supportive. They said funds were very low, so I thought I would help them as a one-off thing."

Women's Aid manager Elaine Arnold said the organisation felt lucky and grateful that Joyce had chosen to give them a donation.

She said: "The generous donation from Joyce will enable us to arrange trips and extra activities for the children to help them deal with their confusing emotions regarding domestic abuse."

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Opinion and readers' letters

UKIP's success is a protest vote

IT is apparent to me that UKIP's success is a protest vote by the many who are concerned with the continuing denigration of our once proud nation.

For more than 40 years the majority, referred to by Cameron as the hard working taxpayers, have suffered growing inequality, even during the pseudo socialist Blair years. The media frantically attacks Miliband and also, we are told, by his own MPs - probably Blairites.

I suspect we can look only to Miliband to reintroduce socialism and stop the constant inequality, whereby the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, and further loss of our industries to foreign powers.

**Les Harrington
Benfleet**

Thank you for your votes

PLEASE can you convey my gratitude to the voters of Milton Ward who honoured me with their endorsement, through the polls, during the local council elections on May 22.

Whether you voted for me, or for others, you are welcome to

contact me, or other Milton councillors, to work with us, to bring about the necessary changes to your environment.

I wish also to thank the other candidates who fought a clean campaign and Milton's retiring Councillor Maria Caunce, who gave four years of service to the town.

As I said in my election night speech I am overwhelmed by your support and hope to continue our doorstep relationship, in an attempt to bring about local improvements to Milton Ward.

**Cheryl Nevin
Councillor for Milton Ward
Leigh**

Become a Dementia Friend

THE new national promotion is totally worthwhile and encourages the understanding and support for those with dementia at all levels. It does not ask for money, but to educate friends and family in the ways of supporting those who live with this issue at either an early stage or a deeper more progressed stage. The removal of mystery is an excellent ideal and the video supplied online is a few minutes of practical and high level knowledge accompanied by a small information booklet sent once you have decided to register as a 'Dementia Friend'.

The St Laurence Conservatives have no doubt

that this scheme will help and it hopes to have one of its members trained as a Dementia Champion.

**Mark Flewitt
Leigh**

Votes are always humbling

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of West Shoebury. To thank the 2,675 residents who turned out to vote on Thursday, and in particular to thank the 355 people who voted for me. It is always humbling when anyone shows such faith in you as to make you the recipient of your vote, and so I feel especially privileged that 355 residents have done so.

Though I'm never sure whether it is appropriate to admit it, I have enjoyed the campaign. I have been lucky enough to be supported by a number of capable, dedicated and enthusiastic local Labour Party members, and though I did not get the opportunity to speak to as many voters as I would have liked, those I did speak to were switched on, aware and interested in what I had to say.

I would also like to thank my opponents, Tony Cox, James Moyies, and Charlie Row. It has been a battle of radically different views for the future of West Shoebury and Southend, but I am assured that they were

as committed to what they perceived were the best interests of the ward as I was. James, in particular, I wish the best of luck and wisdom as he sets out as West Shoebury new councillor.

Although I was not successful in winning the contest, I still believe passionately in the area, and that Labour policy could help it achieve the greatness that we all know it is capable of. I will still campaign for fairness and prosperity across Southend, and look forward to the challenges that the future will bring.

**Matthew S. Dent
Southend**

Elections were faceless

RECENT elections have left most without any feelings, average turn out well below 35 per cent and the European elections were faceless and bland, despite the obvious contentious issue of in or out!

The local elections deserved a more receptive audience with candidates in most seats knocking on doors and regularly leafletting their wards. I would

say there was a real human touch missing from European elections which took its frustration out upon local affairs and skewed local results with European politics contaminating our civic life.

The wonderful irony is that European funding plays such an important part in project funding to local authorities but until the referendum don't expect the current turbulence to cease.

**Cllr Mark Flewitt
Leigh**

Things have now got interesting

SOME say UKIP's performance at the elections was far from the 'political earthquake' as promised by Farage, but it shapes things up nicely for next year.

Whether UKIP can carry its performance through to a general elections is yet to be seen, but surely it's a massive wake up call to the so called 'big three' parties.

Before now, many of UKIP's votes did not translate into seats, so the 'big three' saw them as empty threats. Now

their votes are turning into seats (and taking seats from all the 'big three' parties) the will have to wake up to the national mood.

Hopefully it will force the Tories, Labour and Lib Dems to adapt their policies to what the public want otherwise they could suffer greatly next year. Am protest vote or not, UKIP is definitely in the driving seat and has forced the hand of the 'big three'. Over to you Dave, Ed and Nick.

**P Smith
Basildon**

Parties left licking their wounds

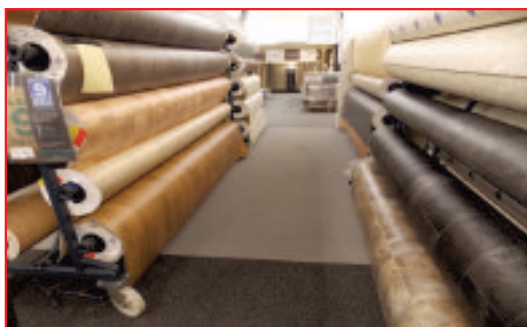
ESSEX put up a good show as did UKIP and has left the three main parties licking their wounds, maybe that will teach them to ignore the people at their peril.

London of course returned Labour but this was to be expected as during their 13 years in office they have imported roughly 4 million votes most of which owe their allegiance to Labour

**Derrick Martin
Hornchurch**

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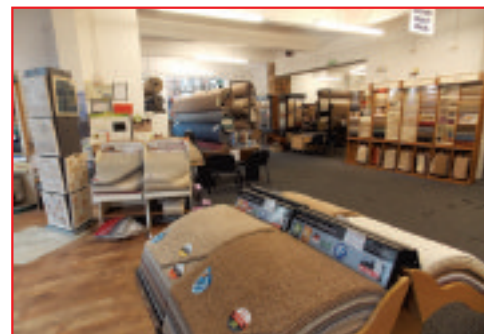
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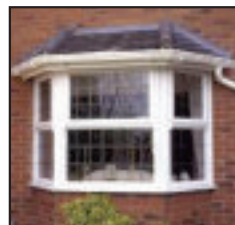
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He said: "The courses cover a wide variety of skills to enhance peoples writing."

"The beginner courses are ideal for people who want to brush up on their writing skills, whereas in the intermediate course, people will learn how to edit down their work and polish their style."

"There has already been a lot of interest so I would advise people to book as soon as they can."

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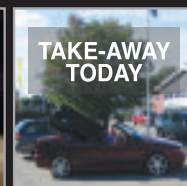
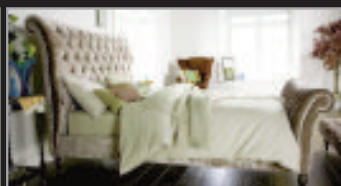
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- The winning team will get \$35million.
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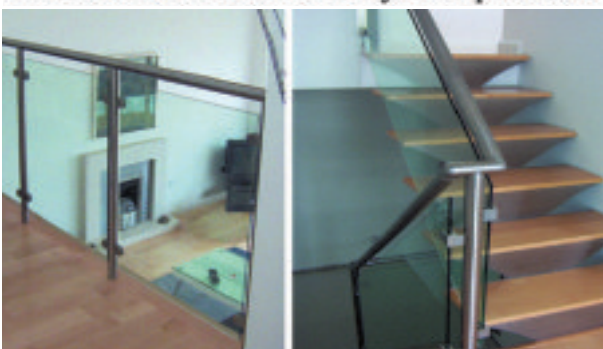
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Musical casts its spell

By LIZ WADE

A HEAVENLY new production of the divine smash hit musical, *Godspell*, is currently wowing audiences at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch.

The almighty celebration of friendship, loyalty and love - bursting with boundless energy and featuring a multi-talented ten-strong cast - opened to rave reviews on May 16 and will continue its run until June 7.

Members of cut to the chase... the Queen's professional resident company of actor-musicians, including Ellie Rose Boswell, Patrick Burbridge, Georgina Field, Deborah Hewitt, Callum Hughes, Sam Kordbach, Megan Leigh Mason, Sean Needham, Sam Pay and Sarah Scowen, make up the cast for the production, which would be a sin to miss.

From John and Judas to prophets and parables, Director Matt Devitt's stylish urban-inspired production retells the timeless story of Jesus - as told in the Gospels - in a gloriously colourful way.

With music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz - the Grammy and Academy Award-winning

composer of *Wicked* - *Godspell*'s wonderfully uplifting soundtrack is jam-packed with soul-stirring pop, folk and rock hits such as *Light of the World*, *Prepare Ye*, *Day by Day* and many more. And for an added treat, all music is played live on stage by the brilliant cut to the chase... company.

In a bid to inject more joy and energy into church congregations, creator John-Michael Tebelak originally wrote *Godspell* as part of a project in the drama department of Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University.

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MAIN PIC: *Godspell*

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ADAM SANDLER as Jim and DREW BARRYMORE as Lauren PA Photo/Warner Brothers

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BLENDED (12A, 117 mins)

LIGHTNING doesn't strike thrice for Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore in *Blended*. In 1998, the two stars fell in love to a soundtrack of Nena, Culture Club and The Thompson Twins in *The Wedding Singer*. Six years later, they turned on the charm in *50 First Dates*. Now, Sandler and Barrymore try in vain to kindle the same irresistible spark in Frank Coraci's romantic comedy of mismatched single parents.

Ivan Menchell and Clare Sera's script has a few nice moments of laughter and heart-warming sentiment including some surprisingly moving discussions between a father and his children about grief and remembrance.

Unfortunately, tenderness is offset by exaggerated physical comedy and cloying sentiment, which shamelessly manipulates our emotions to ensure every parent has tears glistening in their eyes as the end credits roll.

The two screenwriters struggle to interweave a surfeit of gooey subplots around the central romance

and consequently only have enough screen time to embellish supporting characters with a single discernible trait: the daughter who hides her femininity behind a pudding bowl haircut; the son nurturing an unhealthy obsession with his babysitter; the genial resort host who continually mispronounces a Greek surname.

The majority of these gags barely walk, let alone run.

Lauren Reynolds (Drew Barrymore) is a single mother with two sons, 13-year-old Brendan (Braxton Beckham) and nine-year-old Tyler (Kyle Red Silverstein), who have been let down badly by her unreliable ex-husband (Joel McHale).

Single father Jim Friedman (Adam Sandler) lost his wife to cancer and is now primary care-giver to three daughters, 15-year-old Hilary (Bella Thorne), 12-year-old Espn (Emma Fuhrmann) and four-year-old Lou (Alyvia Alyn Lind).

Fate conspires to throw Lauren and Jim together on a disastrous blind date.

The parents vow never to see each other again and take their respective broods on a South African safari adventure.

As luck would have it, they are forced to share the same family-sized suite.

Battle lines are drawn between the dysfunctional Reynolds and Friedman clans but animosity melts into unexpected attraction as Lauren and Jim realise they could be the missing pieces in each other's haphazard lives.

Blended is a terrible title for a rom-com.

Director Coraci, who helmed *The Wedding Singer*, is powerless to perform the same alchemy 16 years later and musical interludes courtesy of the African resort's singing host (Terry Crews) fall flat.

Sandler and Barrymore catalyse screen chemistry which feels more like sibling affection than simmering passion, and their couple's first kiss looks awkward.

Younger cast are more convincing in underwritten roles especially Bella Thorne, who transforms from tomboy into prom queen after a visit to the resort's spa in a scene reminiscent of the 1999 teen romance *She's All That*.

Alas, *Blended* isn't all that, not by a long shot.

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Theatre

Elvis tribute show rocks into Romford

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Since opening off-Broadway in 1971, it has been performed in thousands of shows on Broadway and in the West End, becoming one of the most popular and enduring musicals in modern history.

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Saturday, May 31

- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm 01702 345247.
- Ramsden Pre-school 50th Anniversary Fete, 1-5pm, Ramsden Village Hall and field. Bouncy castle, circus skills, petting zoo, live music and much more. 07890 950061.
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■ Jazz: Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.

- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
- King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you know it. 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, June 2

- Jazztet with Mike Sargott guitar/Chris English keyboard, Oakwood Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm 017025 12819.
- Beginners Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 1-3pm, learn to paint and draw with Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Taichi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
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- Activity Session for adults with special needs, (term time only), 10am-12pm. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
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Tuesday, June 3

- Pamper and Gift Evening, Wick Community Centre, Silva Island, Wickford. All therapeutic and beauty treatments, hypnotherapy, Thai massage, jewellery, bangle's and children's clothes, shoes, handbags, handmade goods, cupcakes, nappy cakes, shellac nails, slimming consultant plus much more. 6.30-10pm, admission £2.50 inc. hot/cold drink and free raffle, 01268 572727 or email: pampere@yahoo.co.uk
- Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, social afternoons, refreshments, speakers. Thorpedene Community Centre, Deleware Road, 1st Tuesday of each month. 2-4pm.
- Eastwood Cocklehurst Town's Women's Guild, Eastwood Community Centre, 1st Tuesday of each month, 8.45pm. New members welcome.
- Art Class, beginners and experienced students welcome. Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm. Learn to paint and draw with Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.
- Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
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Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ Folk Music, The Joy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm, 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm, 01702 584575.
 ■ Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.
 ■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm, 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer,

Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

Wednesday, June 4

■ Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society, meeting at The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford at 10.30am and again at 2.30pm. Subject: The Green Vaults in Dresden by Nicholas Merchant. Visitors £5, 01702 479416/01268 771120.

■ The Belvedere Jazz Club, The Chichester Rawreth, Wickford, Attila @sings Franks Sinatra + Ted Beament Trio. 8-10.30pm, £10 on door. Meals lie bits from 6.30pm. All welcome 07850 607075.

■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group are meeting at Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm. Talk by Sheila Gunson on Pyrography (wood burning). Refreshments. Janet Waggstaff 01702 312959.

■ The Walking Partnership, meet at Ashingdon Village Hall at 10am. Easy walk to Farnbridge. Fields and sea wall. 5 miles. Doug 01702 548025.

■ The Walking Partnership, meet at 10am for a 10.5 mile walk from Willingdale to Fyfield. Street parking, pub lunch.

■ Art Class, beginners welcome. Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh. 10am-12pm. Learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages 5-18, (term time only). The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Bits 'n' pieces 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

Thursday, June 5

■ Rayleigh Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Social afternoons, speakers ref. eat, Rayleigh Road, Rectory Garth (off Hockley Road) 1st Thursday of each month 2-4pm.

■ Eastwood Evening Ladies Club meets at the Mmorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.45pm. Varied programme with interesting speakers. 01702 528311/01702 592216.

■ Art Class, Beginners welcome. Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm. Learn to paint and draw. 01702 615475. paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk

■ Carol's Jazz Crew at The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 01702 483900. 3rd Thursday of the month, 8-10.30pm Entry £5.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, Computer £3: 1-3.30pm, Indoor Bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

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■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

Friday, June 6

■ Meeting to establish a new U3A Branch on Canvey Island at St Nicholas Church. All welcome.

■ Water Colour Class, every Friday, 10.15 am-12.15pm, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, Beginners, Improvers with Leigh Greetings Card, Artist Teresa Norfolk. 01702 307173.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's, Beginners Tai Chi: 10am-12pm, Darts: 2-4pm, Marquetry: 10-12, Art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and Bingo everyday. £2 01268 465854.

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

■ Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm, 01702 343462.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.
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As well as continuing to impress customers, its dishes have also delighted a team of celebrity judges. During the 2010 Newby Teas Tiffin Cup Grand Final, held at the House of Commons, the

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The restaurant's menu boasts a range of delicious cuisine, all of which is freshly cooked to order with a variety of special spices.

Its starters include everything from King Prawn Bhajee on Puri and Kepsu Fish to Dum se Kebab – minced meat mixed with onions,

herbs and spices, wrapped in a crispy fried bread.

Diners are spoilt for choice with its vast range of main courses including fish dishes, old favourites such as a Chicken or Lamb Tikka Bhuna, and Tandoori, Biriani, Curry, Balti and vegetarian dishes. Alongside these there are also a variety of Persian dishes to choose from including Dansak Piri Piri and several Chef's Recommendations such as Jaldaloo Chicken, Malai Mussala and Madhu Khatta – chargrilled chicken marinated with herbs and spices to give a combination of different flavours.

On Sundays its lunchtime and

evening buffets provide fantastic value-for-money for all the family as you can eat as much as you like for just £7.95 for adult, with children under the age of 12 dining for just £4.95. What's more, the vast buffet has also been recently extended with more choice, which is ideal for vegetarians.

The Taj Mahal, which is open seven days a week, from noon to 2.30pm and from 6-11.30pm, also offers a full takeaway service with free local delivery.

For further information about the restaurant, which is fully licensed and air conditioned, call 01702 711006 or visit www.the-tajmahal.co.uk

Advertisement Feature



'A Unique Dining Experience'

THE Maharaja promised us a unique dining experience and it achieved just that with mouth-watering food served in a beautiful setting that was fit for a King.

The award-winning restaurant, in London Road, Benfleet, is justly proud of its exotic royal cuisine, presented to diners through a vast menu packed with exquisite dishes and chef specialities.

After much deliberation we began our meal with two outstanding starters – Kakori Kebab alongside everyone's favourite Indian treat, Onion Bhaji. While the kebab of lamb tantalised the taste buds with an exotic blend of spices, the Maharaja added its own personal twist on the bhaji as the sliced onion and flour combination was mixed with its own blend of fresh herbs, sauce and light spices, before being fried in sunflower oil.

It was then back to the menu to pour over even more dishes and select two main courses to enjoy. It was almost an impossible choice as, along with many diner's favourites the restaurant has a vast range of specialities including lobster, King prawn, salmon, trout and exotic freshwater fish from the Indian Ocean, such as Tilapia, and a variety of exciting new dishes including ostrich, venison, duck, whole leg of lamb and whole chicken.

Wanting to enjoy a range of tastes I opted for the Tandoori Mixed Grill – a selection of Tandoori Chicken, Lamb Tikka, Chicken Tikka, Seekh Kebab – all cooked to perfection and served with naan bread, while my wife chose the King Prawn

Butterfly, a jumbo prawn, lightly spiced with fresh herbs before being deep fried in sunflower oil, with a side serving of vegetable rice.

If that was not enough to delight the taste buds, the Maharaja's chef specially prepared a dish of Lobster Piara for us, a well-come addition to an already vast array of colour, smells and tastes on our table.

Having already eaten like Kings I'm afraid we had no room for dessert, but if you do then there are a wide selection on offer, or you can sit back and relax with a tea or coffee, or an alcoholic drink from its well stocked bar.

The Maharaja is an Indian restaurant full of heritage which serves unique and exotic Royal Indian cuisine in a traditional setting that is, quite frankly, fit for a Maharaja.

The All family say they pride themselves on providing excellence in cuisine, service and ambience for each and every diner, and they definitely do just that as we were well and truly spoilt by their friendly staff from the moment we arrived to the moment we left. And it isn't just the front of house staff that are extremely accommodating, as the chef is also happy to please diners by creating their favourite dishes right down to their own personal requirements.

As well as its extensive a la carte menu, the restaurant offers so much more thanks to its buffet bar, DJ entertainment on

Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, and its dance floor from which you can see yourself on the big screen

There's also a comfortable VIP Lounge area with a beautiful chandelier which you can book for everything from birthdays to anniversaries for a maximum of 12 people, and throughout the year the restaurant is the perfect place for a range of special occasions, including Father's Day. On Sunday, June 15, the restaurant will be serving a three-course buffet, plus a free bottle of Cobra beer for dads, so book now to avoid disappointment.

What's more, Charity Nights like the one that was being held when we dined at the Maharaja, which packed its tables, are also very popular so if you have a good cause you need to raise money for then contact staff at the restaurant for more information.

The Maharaja, which has wheelchair access as well as parking on the front forecourt, is open from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Wednesday; from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Thursday to Saturday; and from noon to 11pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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The pub, which boasts real log fires, has a variety of menus including a Main Menu that includes a range of starters such as Cornish crab cocktail, breaded squid rings, Scottish smoked salmon and sliced smoked duck breast with raspberry dressing, followed by a wide variety of main courses including double lamb chop, home-made lasagne and steak and kidney pie, and tiger prawns cooked in chilli and garlic butter.

A children's menu is available and those looking for something lighter will also find a

range of omelettes and salads to choose from, as well as ploughman's lunches and sandwiches.



This is all on top of a selection of home-made sweets and a Specials Menu that is updated regularly and includes delicious dishes such as field mushrooms topped with caramelised onion and brie, and Moroccan style lamb kebab.

The Plough and Sail, set in beautiful Essex countryside, can also cater for a variety of functions including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and funeral wakes. The beautiful beamed pub and pretty gardens provide a great backdrop to any event, for

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For further information about The Plough and Sail, in East End, Paglesham, near Rochford, or to make a reservation call 01702 258242 or visit www.theploughandsail.co.uk

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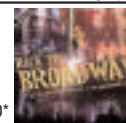
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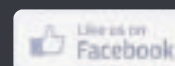
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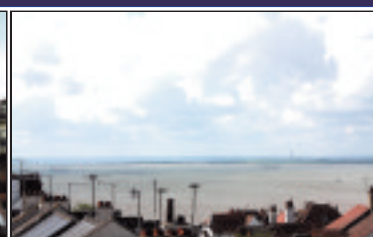
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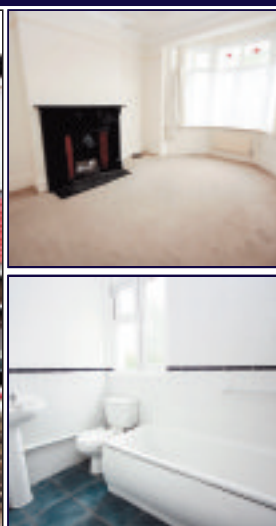


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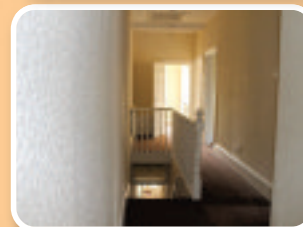
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Ashingdon

£295,000

3 bed detached chalet located in a convenient location the property benefits from dining room 19'1", lounge, 21'4", kitchen / breakfast room 21'4", garage and off road parking, established well maintained rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing. VIEWING ESSENTIAL.



Eastwood

£205,000

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£199,995

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Ashingdon

£284,995

detached house set in one of the most popular roads in Ashingdon. The property benefits from three bedrooms, en suite to master bedroom, ground floor cloakroom, gas central heating, 18'9" lounge / diner, garage and off road parking and fitted kitchen.



Ashingdon

£395,000

A four double bedroom detached house located in one of Ashingdon's most popular roads. The property benefits from a Uprvc double glazed conservatory overlooking the rear garden. Further features include a 21' lounge and a separate dining room, a lovely kitchen with some integrated appliances and a utility room. There is a ground floor cloakroom, and the master bedroom has en-suite shower room and there is a fully tiled family bathroom. 16'11" x 14'1" garage with an electric door and a well maintained 70' rear garden with mature shrubs and borders.



Ashingdon

£137,500

A one bedroom FREEHOLD flat with own front door and GARAGE with ample parking. situated in a popular location benefitting from a 15'8" lounge and 15'8" bedroom, gas central heating and white bathroom suite. viewing essential. NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Rochford

£239,995

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Rochford

£385,000

Located in one of Ashingdon's most popular roads is this large four bedroom four reception room detached house. Features include a 21'8" x 16'1" master bedroom and three further double bedrooms, a 14'5" x 9'4" conservatory as well as a large rear garden, the front of the property offers off street parking for several vehicles and a garage. The property does require some modernisation however, this is reflected within the asking price.



Canewdon

£450,000

Situated on a plot of approximately 1.9 acres, is this detached three bedroom bungalow in need of some refurbishment. The property has the advantage of a double garage, separate workshop and off street parking for several vehicles. Positioned within a secluded semi rural setting with it's own area of woodland.



Ashingdon

£249,995

2 bed semi chalet is situated in Ashingdon and is within easy reach of local shops, bus routes and schools. The property has a good size kitchen diner with doors opening onto the garden and a full width lounge. brick built garage with a drive offering off street parking.



Rochford

£339,995

An executive four bedroom detached modern family home, situated in a convenient location within easy access to Rochford Square and mainline station. The property has many benefits to include a Uprvc double glazed conservatory, a ground floor study and cloakroom, an extensive modern fitted kitchen with appliances, utility room, on the first floor a spacious landing four good size bedrooms, an en suite to master bedroom and modern family bathroom. Garage and off road parking. viewing essential.



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Rochford

£795 pcm

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Rochford

£695 pcm

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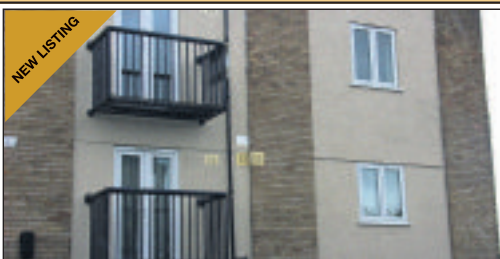


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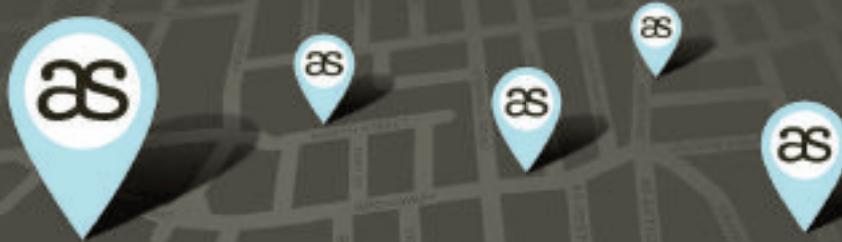


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HOT PROPERTY IN LEIGH, CHALKWELL & WESTCLIFF



New



South of the London Road £400,000

Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this four bedroom end of terraced family home located south of the London Road being walking distance of the Broadway and Leigh Station and within the West Leigh catchment area. The property also comes with off street parking and a west facing rear garden. The master bedroom has a walk in wardrobe and en suite shower room.

Chalkwell

£725,000

If you prefer the thought of a predictable or standard living space then, maybe this isn't one for you. On the other hand if you are discerning, daring or different read on. Just savour this pedigree checklist: prestigious location - check. Awesome estuary views - check. Sun-trap balcony - check. Off-street parking - check. Rear garden - check. Exercise room - check. Sauna - check. Modern styling and fittings - check. Lifestyle kitchen - check. Easy access for rail station - check.



Views

Leigh-on-Sea

£265,000

Ashleigh Stone are delighted to offer this lovely two bedroom semi detached bungalow which benefits from a west facing rear garden and off street parking for numerous cars. The bungalow has a lovely family feel and oozes warmth and charm throughout. A character home not to be missed.



New

South of the London Road

£395,000

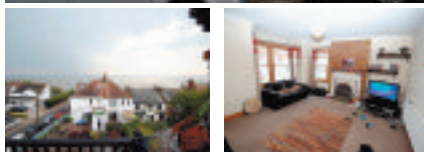
The exterior of this beautiful detached property shares the features of a Tudor house. On entering the property, you are welcomed with a well-sized hallway with two radiators, in-built cupboard, stairs leading to the first floor and doors leading to various rooms.



Detached



Views

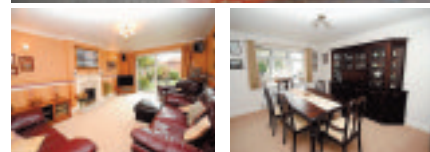


Off the Broadway £250,000

Ashleigh Stone are delighted to offer for sale this two bedroom first floor flat in this beautiful Edwardian building with views over the Estuary located south of the Broadway, so it is in a fantastic position for the Broadway and the station. The flat offers stunning views from most of its rooms and also comes with the added advantage of a loft room with the best views



Detached



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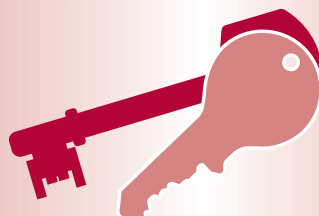
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By that, I don't just mean offering the most money – although that's always a plus, of course, particularly at the moment! So, for example, if you are a cash buyer, then you are in the best-possible position, particularly if the vendor wants a quick sale. For the same reason, if you have another property to sell, then the first thing you need to do is put it on the market. As a buyer, it is always better to be either completely unencumbered, or at least well on the way to selling. Besides, this will also make it a lot easier to work out your available budget.

Next, house-hunting. These days, the vast majority of people conduct their initial searches via the internet. Obviously, as a buyer, it's the property that you're interested in, above all – so if you find one online that really takes your fancy, then all well and good. Otherwise, you will need to register with estate agents in your chosen area. Doing this online is pretty straightforward. But remember, they're not all the same. Even though you're a buyer rather than a seller, you still want personal service and a good working relationship.

Before registering, however, take the time to establish clearly in your own mind exactly what you're looking for – and make sure you explain those requirements fully.

When it comes to viewing properties, try to do so in the company of the agent, and always in daylight. Write a list of all the questions you want to ask the seller, and make your own notes afterwards, so you can review them at your leisure. Lastly, be patient. This is the biggest investment you will probably ever make – at least, until your next move! – so don't rush.

When you eventually find the property you want, make a formal offer through the agent. Assuming it's accepted, then the rest ought to be relatively plain sailing. Nevertheless, it's probably worth keeping your fingers crossed as well!



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.



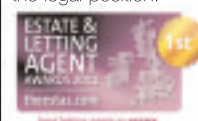
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Think Property Answer

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Drivetime

Honda supercars set for debut

By Mike Torpey

THE latest concept models of Honda's Civic Type R and NSX will make their first public appearance in the UK at next month's Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Both are due to hit the streets during 2015 in what will be a hectic year for the Japanese brand as it will also see the marque return to Formula 1.

Honda describes its Civic Type R concept model as a racing car for the road and it certainly looks the part with its bold, aggressive design.

The NSX, meanwhile, features a low slung, wide stance and aims to deliver a sports experience that combines supercar dynamics with advanced environmental performance.

It will be powered by a mid-mounted, direct-injected V6 engine mated to Honda's Sport Hybrid SH-AWD - Super Handling All-Wheel Drive - system which the company says will deliver handling unmatched by previous AWD systems.

Developed by a global R&D team

led by designers and engineers in Los Angeles, California, the NSX will also be manufactured at a new production facility in central Ohio.

The NSX's interior package is said to boast outstanding visibility, a strong driving position, and an intuitive "Simple Sports Interface" that minimises interior clutter, allowing the driver to focus on the driving experience.

As well as getting up close with the new concepts, visitors to the Festival of Speed (June 25-29) will also get the chance to race them - with the Honda stand turned into a miniature race track for budding drivers to compete with special edition remote control models.

A live leaderboard and race footage will run on the big screen on the stand throughout the festival, with races also uploaded to a YouTube playlist.

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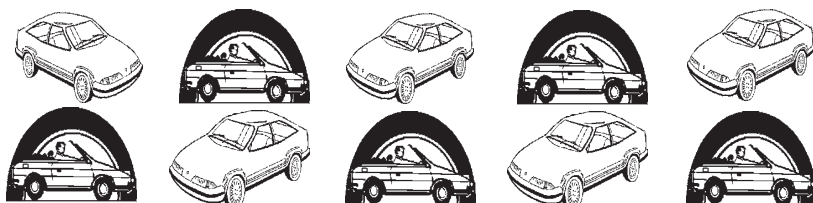
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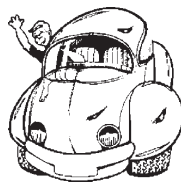
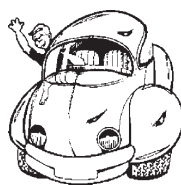
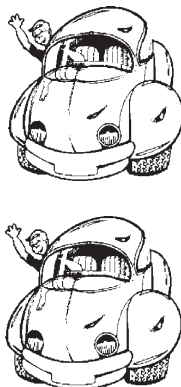
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It reveals that half of UK drivers disagree with the proposal with less than a third willing to embrace the idea and a fifth undecided.

Male drivers are more likely to be against the idea than female.

Some 55 per cent of young drivers were against 20mph zones as a speed limit for towns while 34 per cent of older drivers were in favour.

However drivers are very supportive of lower speed limits outside schools, with 94 per cent of respondents agreeing that this would be a good idea.

Areas with high numbers of pedestrians such as parks, hospitals and shops were the next most popular and only eight per cent of respondents opted for 20mph near cycle lanes.

Using 20mph speed limit signs only to enforce lower limits was twice as popular

as physical traffic calming measures and three times more popular than the use of speed cameras.

In fact only a fifth of drivers think enforcing 20mph limits should be a police priority.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said:

"Drivers are not as negative about 20mph speed limits as many commentators would have us believe.

"Those responding to our survey found it quite easy to stick to 20 and there is large scale support for 20mph outside schools.

"However, most drivers don't want 30mph zones to be replaced with 20mph in towns. Many drivers still need to be convinced it would be a benefit.

"Re-education is also much more popular than prosecution. The total number of under 16s involved in accidents between school rush hours in the morning and afternoon is 6,106.

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MARIE 37yrs slim attractive caring, likes meals in/out, cinema, tennis, keeping fit/active, WLTm fun loving, reliable man for friendship leading to more. Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 411037

SOPHIE 27yr old nursing assistant with no ties looking for discreet adult fun times with tall attractive guy 35-42yrs. GSOH essential. Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 410717

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CLARE 31yr old single female, green eyes, dark hair, looking for fun, friendship and hopefully a ltr with loving male. No time wasters pls. Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409257

SARAH 36, attractive with long blonde hair and green eyes, independent, employed with OHAC, WLTm similar articulate, interesting guy in uniform for nights in/out. Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 408495

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O'S PROMOTION HOPES DASHED

Penalty shoot-out heartbreak for Slade's team in play-off final

Leyton Orient

**Leyton Orient 2
Rotherham United 2
(Rotherham win 4-3 on penalties)
League One play-off final**

By Rowland Lyons at Wembley.
LEYTON ORIENT suffered penalty shoot-out heartbreak after throwing away a two-goal lead on Sunday.

Moses Odubajo and Dean Cox had put the O's in the driving seat before the break. But, Alex Revell came back to haunt his old club for the second time this season and hit a second-half double.

This winner-takes-all clash ended with Orient missing their last two spot kicks and Rotherham return to the second tier after a nine-year absence.

The O's had to withstand heavy early Millers' pressure with Jamie Jones the busiest of the two keepers and did well to block long range efforts from Lee Frecklington and Kieron Agard.

With Odubajo well shepherded by Joe Skarz, the O's main threat was largely being nullified until the 35th minute when Craig Morgan tugged Kevin Lisbie's shirt and was cautioned.

From Cox's free-kick, Odubajo opened the scoring with a finish fit for a Wembley final with a sweet, 25-yard half-volley that beat a flat-footed Adam Collin down the centre of his goal.

Orient were almost in dreamland four minutes later when Cox doubled his side's lead with a simple tap-in after Odubajo had passed the ball into the danger zone.

But, the Millers weren't finished as star man Ben Pringle served warn-

ing with a fine dipping drive that skimmed the top of the Orient goal in time added-on.

Orient went for broke straight after the restart, but Lisbie and Mooney were unable to finish from good positions.

Cue the expected Rotherham fight back and they got their reward after a succession of lofted Pringle free-kicks, when his 55th minute set-piece forced Jamie Jones into a poor punch out and Revell reduced the arrears with a simple pass into an empty net.

The Millers fight back mirrored the O's first-half display as Revell equalized within four minutes with a ridiculously dipping, long range effort after Pringle had won possession on the half way line. Jones again was left red-faced as he was too far off his line and the ball bounced high into the empty net.

A shell-shocked Orient at least managed to steady the ship and looked the more dangerous after the introduction of subs, Chris Dagnall and Shaun Batt.

Predictably, the game went to extra-time and with nothing to choose between either side, this cliffhanger went to penalties. Despite hitting home their first three spot kicks, Mathieu Baudry and Dagnall both missed to leave the 20,000-strong Orient faithful stunned.

A reflective Orient boss, Russell Slade said: "It's very tough on our players. They were a little fortunate with their first goal as our keeper has pushed it onto one of our own players. But, they gave everything for the cause and I am very proud of my players."

Baudry admitted: "Everyone is



DEVASTATED: O's boss Russell Slade
Photo by Martin Dalton

really sad as we gave everything. I think we are unlucky to be on the losing side. We knew what they were about at set-pieces and it was disappointing that they got the first one [goal] and then we had ten minutes where we weren't at the level we have been for most of the season."

Goalscorer Cox added: "Revell's goal was a fantastic strike, but perhaps we invited the pressure a bit. We worked hard in extra-time and then penalties is anyone's game. It's devastating. It's probably best to go on holiday as the game is going to be

all over Sky Sports - the only way is to get out of the country!"

LEYTON ORIENT: Jamie Jones - Scott Cuthbert, Mathieu Baudry, Nathan Clarke (captain), Elliot Ormozusi, Moses Odubajo, Romain Vincelot, Lloyd James (John Lundstram 90), Dean Cox (Shaun Batt 74), Kevin Lisbie (Chris Dagnall 76), David Mooney. Subs (not used): Jake Larkins (gk), Marvin Bartley, Gary Sawyer, Robbie Simpson.

ROTHERHAM UNITED: Adam Collin, Kieron Agard, Craig Morgan (captain), Kari Arnason, Joe Skarz (Rob Milsom 77), Richard Smallwood, Ben Pringle, Lee Frecklington, Kieron Agard, Alex Revell (Harris Vuckic 105), James Tavernier. Subs (not used): Scott Shearer (gk), Richard Bradley, Claude Davis, Michael O'Connor, Tom Hitchcock.

Football

Down but not out

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves
RELEGATED White Ensign completed their ProKit UK Essex Olympian Premier League campaign with a 2-1 midweek success over Rayleigh Town. Town included legendary former Millwall and Southend United striker Neil Harris in their line-up. Nevertheless, Ensign have shown tremendous spirit during the second half of the season, and they were not to be denied a notable victory. A crowd approaching three figures witnessed Hamid Zamani and a Gilbert own goal earned Ensign the points, Ross Webster grabbed a consolation for Town.

There were plenty of goals in the Premier Division on Saturday afternoon. Rayleigh Town made up for their midweek disappointment by beating Buckhurst Hill 3-2, and it was the same outcome as Kelvedon Hatch saw off Bishop Stortford Swifts. Elsewhere, Wadham Lodge were the big winners of the day, hammering Newbury Forest by three goals to nil.

In Senior Division Three, Southend based Catholic United completed a satisfactory season with a 3-1 success over bottom of the table Leytonstone United. Despite putting up a spirited display, this has been a difficult term for the East Londoners who will look for improvement next season after finishing bottom of the table with just two points

Cricket

Essex sign bowler Moore

ESSEX have signed young bowler, Thomas Moore.

Moore, 22, is a right-arm medium-fast bowler who plays club cricket with Brentwood and has been a regular member of the Essex Second XI side in recent seasons. He has also represented the county at age group level.

■ ESSEX entertain Surrey in the LV= County Championship commencing on Sunday at The Essex County Ground and is part of the City of Chelmsford Cricket Festival, sponsored by Birketts.

Barking boys slam dunk into finals

Basketball

BARKING & Dagenham boys earned their place at the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games basketball finals after a sensational weekend's qualifiers at the University of East London Sportsdock.

The under 18s competition is a breeding ground for British talent and was where NBA All-Star Luol Deng and Team GB women's internationals Temi Fagbenle and Azania Stewart first made their mark in the game.

Barking & Dagenham clinched a finals place alongside Newham, Ealing and Lambeth at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace on July 5.

Barking & Dagenham caused the

major upset of the day, knocking out top seeds Southwark in an enthralling quarter-final which saw Bruno Sardinha slam dunk a basket with just 10 seconds left to steal victory 16-14.

The finals will be one of the show-piece events during the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games finals weekend on July 5-6 with around 10,000 young Londoners competing in 19 sports at the climax of Europe's largest annual youth sports event.

At the weekend's culmination, the Jubilee Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning borough as champions of London.

Former London Youth Games competitors include double Olympic champion Mo Farah, Tour

de France winner Bradley Wiggins, Paralympic champion David Weir and former England and Manchester United footballer Rio Ferdinand.

Barking & Dagenham boys coach, Marlan Henry, said: "I feel as if I'm about to have a heart attack. It was a very close game throughout. We were down by a couple of points throughout the whole game."

"We got a big steal in the final seconds and got a big rebound and ended up winning the game. I'm extremely proud, extremely proud."

"It's very emotional, very emotional. We've got to keep it up, go to practice, go practice work on some stuff, change some stuff up. Hopefully we'll come out, get to the final and our main goal is to win the whole thing."

Redbacks record first win

Baseball

**EssexRedbacks II 19
Old Timers (Enfield) 9**

ON Sunday, the Redbacks Baseball & Softball second team recorded their first win of the 2014 season in the first game using the new permanent backstops constructed at the club's Melbourne Park ground in Chelmsford.

Making up the rearranged fixture against Old Timers from earlier in the season, Neil Hall's men ran out convincing winners behind the pitching of Dan Straw who threw all nine innings in another great performance on the mound.

With the bat, Tom Aubury led by example, scoring three times, while C J Evans and Rob Yuille combined for seven runs on six hits as the top of the order did the business.

The Old Timers struck first, scoring twice

in the first frame, to keep the Redbacks off the diamond until the third inning. But after three runs in third, the hosts exploded for eight in the fourth inning, giving them an advantage that meant they never had to look back.

Five runs in the eighth was the final nail in the coffin for the Old Timers, who were within touching distance until then, and Straw closed out the Redbacks' first win of the season in their fourth game of the year.

Manager Neil Hall said: "This was the performance we know we were due for the last few weeks. We were almost perfect in the field, and that has clearly made a difference in the outcome of the match."

Dan was excellent again on the mound, with great support from the batters, and I believe that this can be the catalyst for us to go on and repeat our success more regularly in the coming months."